

TABLE D4 – DEFECT CRITERIA FOR READY TO COOK POULTRY

Food Safety or Public Health Defects		
TYPE	DESCRIPTION	CLASSIFICATION
<b>FECES</b> (Code 310)	Any visible, identifiable fecal material, regardless of the size	CRITICAL
<b>HARMFUL EXTRANEOUS MATERIAL</b> (Code 313)	Glass, wood, metal etc. Includes <b>ingesta</b> , grease or unidentifiable foreign material measuring >1" (score one per incident per sample unit)	CRITICAL
	Includes <b>ingesta</b> , grease, or unidentifiable foreign material measuring > 1/16" to 1". A maximum of 3 incidents per carcass. (score 3 as one defect)	MAJOR
	Includes specks of <b>ingesta</b> , grease, or unidentifiable foreign material that measures 1/16" or less in the greatest dimension. A maximum of 3 incidents per carcass. (score 3 – 7 incidents as one defect; 8 – 12 incidents as 2 defects and 13 or more incidents as 3 defects)	MINOR
<b>OFF CONDITION</b> (Code 322)	Any amount	CRITICAL

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PRODUCT QUALITY DEFECTS		
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<b>BRUISES</b> (Code 328)	A black, blue, or green bruise, greater than 1" in the greatest dimension. A maximum of two (2) incidents per sample unit is allowed.	CRITICAL
	A black, blue, or green bruise, greater than ¼" to 1" in the greatest dimension. A maximum of three (3) incidents per sample unit is allowed.	MAJOR
	A bruise ½" to 1", superficial layers only (blood clumps or clots only). A maximum of five (5) incidents per sample unit is allowed.	MINOR
	Very small bruises less than ½" (dime size) and areas showing only slight reddening need not to be counted as defects.	INSIGNIFICANT
<b>FEATHERS</b> (Code 331)	Attached feathers or protruding pinfeathers of 1" or less: Score 5 –10 as one defect; Score 11 – 15 as two defects; Score 16 or more as three defects.  Attached feathers greater than 1": Score 1 –3 as one defect; Score 4-6 as two defects; Score 7 or more as three defects;  A maximum of three (3) incidents per carcass.	MINOR
<b>HARMLESS EXTRANEEOUS MATERIAL</b> (Code 316)	Each incidence of a speck of unidentifiable foreign material, grease, unattached feather, bile remnants, whole spleen and/or gall bladder, yolk, and stains measuring more than 1". A maximum of two (2) incidents per sample unit is allowed.	MAJOR
	Each incidence of a speck of	MINOR

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	unidentifiable foreign material, grease, unattached feather, bile remnants, whole spleen and/or gall bladder, yolk, and stains measuring more than 1/32" to 1" or specks too numerous to count which cover an area of 1/2". A maximum of three (3) incidents per sample unit is allowed.	
	NOTE: Score six or more specks of unidentifiable foreign material or grease which are no larger than 1/32" as one defect.	

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<b>OTHER</b> (Code 331)	<p>Defects that individually or in the aggregate seriously affects the appearance or usability of the product (Example; intestine, cloaca, whole crop, etc.)</p> <p>Tumors (whole or portion), synovitis/airsacculitis, or contamination.</p> <p>Sores, scabs, or inflammatory process that measure greater than ½”;</p> <p>Each of the above allowed at a maximum of one incident per sample unit.</p>	<b>CRITICAL</b>
	<p>(1) Bursa or fabricius (rosebud) or any identifiable portion;</p> <p>(2) Partial crop or portion which includes mucosal lining</p> <p>(3) Any identifiable portion of the esophagus;</p> <p>(4) Identifiable portion of th trachea greater than 1”;</p> <p>(5) Two whole oil glands;</p> <p>(6) Breast blister or inflamed, fluid/pus filled nodule greater than ½” in diameter;</p> <p>Each of the above allowed a maximum of one (1) incident per sample unit.</p> <p>(7) A whole lung including all or any portions of a second;</p> <p>(8) Any instance where the complete long shank—both condyles covered—is observed.</p> <p>(9) Sores, scabs, or inflammatory process that measure less than or equal to ½”.</p> <p>Each of the above allowed a maximum of two (2) incident per sample unit.</p>	<b>MAJOR</b>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Any portion of lung that is equal to or greater than ¼" (less than a whole lung). A maximum of two (2) incidents per sample unit are allowed.</li> <li>(2) Identifiable portions of the trachea less than or equal to 1". A maximum of one (1) incident per sample unit allowed.</li> <li>(3) Recognizable fragment of an oil gland (less than two whole glands). A maximum of one (1) incident per sample unit is allowed.</li> <li>(4) Breast blister; inflamed tissue adhering to the keel bone. A maximum of one (1) incident per sample unit is allowed.</li> <li>(5) Compound fracture that has caused an opening of the skin. A maximum of three (3) incidents per sample unit is allowed.</li> <li>(6) Wingtip compound fracture: skin that has not broken. A maximum of two (2) incidents per sample unit is allowed.</li> <li>(7) External mutilation: mutilation to the skin and/or muscle. A maximum of three (3) incidents per sample unit allowed.</li> </ul>	MINOR
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